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THE SWORD OF EMPEROR

SO WHO ARE YOU?
I AM. THE SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE HEAVENLY DEMON SECT!

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T, THIS FOOL HOW DARE HE...!!
...!
I'LL ASK AGAIN. WHO ARE YOU?

I AM THE SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE HEAVENLY DEMON SECT!
SUPREME... COMMANDER? WAHAHAHA!
WHY... ARE YOU LAUGHING?

THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT YOU ARE AN EXCEPTIONALLY TALENTED MARTIAL ARTIST. IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT FOR SOMEONE SO YOUNG TO ACHIEVE YOUR LEVEL OF SKILL IS COMPLETELY UNHEARD OF
BUT TELLING Y OURSELF THAT YOU ARE THE SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE HEAVENLY DEMON SECT IS SOMETHING YOU SHOULD THINK TWICE ABOUT BEFORE MAKING SUCH OUTRAGEOUS CLAIMS KIDDO

YOU LAUGHED?
HEHE, AT LEAST YOU SEEM TO HAVE SOME STURDY BALLS! I'LL AT LEAST PRAISE YOU ON THAT.
AIN'T THAT RIGHT, FOUNDER?
AFTER ALL THIS TIME, THERE HAVE BEEN A GOOD NUMBER OF MEN WHO CLAIMED TO BE THE HIGHLORD OF THE HEAVENLY DEMON SECT, BUT THERE HAS ONLY BEEN ONE WHO WAS TITLED AS THE SUPREME COMMANDER.
TO THE HEAVENLY DEMON SECT, THE FOUNDER'S EXISTENCE WAS THAT OF A GOD.

BUT YOU COME IN HERE WITH A DEATH WISH AND CLAIM YOU ARE THE SUPREME COMMANDER?
I WAS GOING TO LET YOU GO ALIVE, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE YOU HAVE A DEATH WISH!
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GWANG MA-JON... HE IS INDEED POWERFUL. IF I'M NOT CAREFUL I MIGHT DIE HERE TODAY?
FOOL, YOU WILL DIE HERE TODAY.
I'M GONNA HAVE TO RAISE ALL OF MY FOCUS INTO BRUTE FORCE. AT THIS RATE A SECOND OF MISCALCULATION WILL BE THE END OF ME...
BETTER SAY YOUR PRAYERS, KID!

...!!
HUH, WHERE DID HE GO?!
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슈아악
타닷

HUUK!
A, AMAZING KI BLADE! I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH A THING EVER SINCE I'VE SET OUT.

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HE'S FAST!

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파지지
KUUK!
챙챙챙
KUK!!

LITTLE RAT, QUITE GOOD AT DODGING!

THEN LET'S SEE YOU TRY DODGING THIS!
I, THIS ISN'T AN ATTACK I CAN BLOCK!

IF THIS KEEPS UP IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE HE TAKES MY HEAD!

GOOD BYE, FOOL!
OH, CRAP! WHAT TO DO?

IT, IT CAN'T BE...
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HEAVENLY
DEMON KING
STEPS!!

H, HOW CAN A SNOT NOSED BRAT ATTEMPT THE SIGNATURE SKILLS OF OUR FOUNDER!
NOW THAT I LOOK AT IT... THAT'S THE SWORD OF CHUNMA!

A, AMAZING! SO THIS IS THE HEAVENLY DEMON KING STEPS...!
UNLIKE A MERE ILLUSION EVERY IMAGE IS REAL AND ALL ATTACKS ARE LETHAL SLASHES!

KUUK...!
SWORD BARRIER!
U, UNTHINKABLE! HOW IS THAT EVEN POSSIBLE!
TO THINK I WOULD BE CORNERED BY A YOUNGSTER INTO USING MY FINAL ATTACK!

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TAAHAT!!
슈웅

휘익
HOW COULD I BE LOSING FROM A CLASH...!

H, HUH?!
IMPOSSIBLE DOUBLE KI SWORD ARTS!!

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HAVE I EVER IN MY LIFE ENCOUNTERED SUCH A FOE!
THIS BRAT IS A MASTER CLASS THAT FAR EXCEEDS MY OWN SCOPE!!

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휘익

KUAAA

HUH? HOW COME I DON'T FEEL ANY PAIN?

DO YOU STILL HAVE DOUBTS ABOUT MY CLAIM AS THE SUPREME COMMANDER?
THAT'S A BIT DISAP-POINTING
YET I'M BEING IGNORED BY A MEMBER OF THE HEAVENLY DEMON SECT, WELL...
I KNOW I STILL HAVE A FAIR WAYS TO IMPROVE, BUT I'M STILL THE 2ND SUPREME COMMANDER

.....
I'LL ASK YOU ONE THING.
ARE YOU REALLY... THE SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE HEAVENLY DEMON SECT?
THAT'S CORRECT. I AM THE 2ND SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE HEAVENLY DEMON SECT, AND MY NAME IS PACHUN!

I HEREBY GREET THE SUPREME COMMANDER!

TAKE THIS, IT'S MY HEAVENLY DEMON STEPS! (NO, IT ISN'T MY 10000 YEARS OF PAIN!)

TLER: BLADE OF AZZINOTH

TYPESETTER: KISTA

CLEANER: KISTA

RAWS: KISTA

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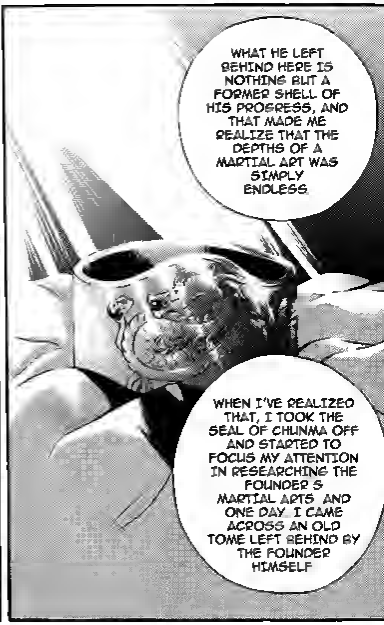
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
I'VE LEARNT SOMETHING AMAZING AS I SPENT MY DAYS HERE. IT ALSO MADE ME REALIZE THAT I WAS NOTHING BUT A MERE FROG IN A POND.
AS YOU THE SUPREME COMMANDER IS AWARE OF, MANY OF THE FOUNDER'S WORLDLY POSSESSIONS AND HIS SECRETS ARE PRESERVED HERE.
AT FIRST, I CAME HERE TO STUDY THE THREE SECRET SWORD TECHNIQUES OF THE FOUNDER, BUT AS YOU MIGHT HAVE GUESSED IT, THEY WERE NOWHERE TO BE FOUND. EVEN SO, I'VE SPENT YEARS IN TRYING TO FIGURE OUT A WAY.

THERE WAS A TIME WHEN I WAS SIMPLY UNABLE TO SUPPRESS THE POWER OF THE SEAL OF CHUNMA AND ALLOWED MYSELF TO BECOME POSSESSED BY IT'S MADNESS. BUT EVEN SO I TOOK PRIDE IN MY M ARTIAL ARTS
YET ONCE I COMPARED MYSELF TO THE LATE FOUNDER I FELT ASHAMED FOR THE FIRST TIME. I REALIZED THAT WAS NOT A MARTIAL ART DESIGNED FOR HUMANS


WHAT HE LEFT BEHIND HERE IS NOTHING BUT A FORMER SHELL OF HIS PROGRESS, AND THAT MADE ME REALIZE THAT THE DEPTHS OF A MARTIAL ART WAS SIMPLY ENDLESS.
WHEN I'VE REALIZED THAT, I TOOK THE SEAL OF CHUNMA OFF AND STARTED TO FOCUS MY ATTENTION IN RESEARCHING THE FOUNDER'S MARTIAL ARTS. AND ONE DAY, I CAME ACROSS AN OLD TOME LEFT BEHIND BY THE FOUNDER HIMSELF

IN THERE I FOUND KNOWLEDGE I COULDN'T HAVE EVEN IMAGINED...
...!!
AFTER READING IT I'VE SHUT AWAY MY OWN AMBITIONS AND RESOLVED MYSELF TO REMAIN HERE FOR ALL ETERNITY.

JUST WHAT WAS WRITTEN IN THOSE TEXTS?
ONE MOMENT.
IT'S THIS. IT WOULD BE FASTER TO ASK THE FOUNDER HIMSELF AS THIS IS NOT A COMPLETE TEXT-.
WE CAN ONLY HOPE THAT THE FOUNDER WHO RESIDES INSIDE THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE SUPREME COMMANDER, CAN GIVE US A GOOD ANSWER.

CHUNMA, DID YOU WRITE THIS?
YEAH. I WROTE IT WHEN I WAS AROUND 100 YEARS OLD.

JUST WHAT DOES GWANG MA-JON MEAN BY THIS? I CAN'T BE ARSED, READING ALL THIS, SO JUST SUMMARIZE IT ALL
UGGGGH!

...?!

PHEW, I GUESS I GOT NO CHOICE BUT TO REMEMBER THAT BOTHERSOME SHIT.

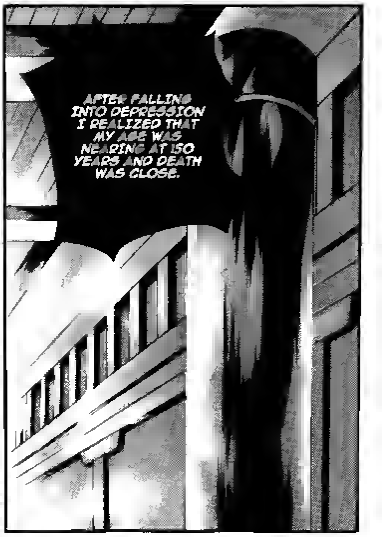
LISTEN WELL, I KNOW YOU WON'T BE SHOCKED BY THIS. ACTUALLY WHEN I WROTE THAT DIARY MY MARTIAL ARTS HAD WENT BEYOND 12 FORMS, IT'S NOTHING TO BE PROUD OF BUT.

AT THE TIME I WAS THE MOST POWERFUL PERSON ALIVE.
THE MOST POWERFUL ONE UNDER THE HEAVENS. THAT WAS HOW I WAS REVERED AT THE TIME.
AFTER SURPASSING THE FIRST STATE OF ENLIGHTENMENT AND THEN GOING BEYOND THE SECOND LIMITS OF THAT SAID ENLIGHTENMENT, THERE WAS LITTLE TO NO PROGRESS. SINCE THEN I WAS DEDICATED TO THE STUDIES OF MY MORTAL MINDS.
RATHER THAN TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THE PLACE OF MARTIAL ARTS IN THIS WORLD, I HAD TO SET MY MIND AS ONE WITH THE SURROUNDING SPACE.
BECAUSE THE HUMAN BODY ITSELF COULD BE REDUCED DOWN AS A SMALL SUB SPACE. WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING HOW THE SPACE WORKED, IN THE HUMAN HEART THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NOTHING MORE I COULD HAVE LEARNED.
IT WAS AT THIS TIME WHEN I WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT I ACHIEVED THE LIMITS OF SWORDSMANSHIP WITH THE FORMLESS SWORD.
AROUND ABOUT THAT TIME, THEY CAME TO ME. THEY WERE... NOT MORTALS.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? NOT MORTALS?

THEY WERE GOD LIKE BEINGS LIKE THE ONES WE KNOW AS MYTHS.
EVEN THOUGH I WAS MORE THAN 100 YEARS OLD AT THE TIME THEY TREATED ME AS THOUGH I WAS NOTHING BUT A CHILD.
MY FORMLESS SWORD WAS INSTANTLY WAVED AWAY BY THE FLICK OF THEIR HAND.
THEY TREATED THE FORMLESS SWORD AS IF IT WAS CHILD'S PLAY?!
THEY THEN SHOWED ME A SENTENCE AND ASKED ME IF I CAN UNDERSTAND THE MEANING BEHIND IT.
IT WAS WRITTEN IN WORDS I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND AT ALL. SO I TOLD THEM I DIDN'T KNOW THE MEANING BEHIND IT.
IT WAS APPARENT ON THEIR FACES THAT THEY WERE SOMEWHAT DISAPPOINTED WITH MY ANSWER AND TOLD ME THAT THEY WILL VISIT ME ONCE MORE BEFORE I PASS AWAY.

THE SHOCK I RECEIVED AT THE TIME WAS GREAT. I THOUGHT IT WAS ALL A DREAM. NO, I SECRETLY PRAYED IT WAS ALL IN MY HEAD.
IT FELT LIKE EVERYTHING I HAD ACHIEVED UNTIL THEN WAS NOTHING BUT A CHILD'S PLAY THING.. AFTER THAT, I SIMPLY LEFT THE HEAVENLY DEMON SECT.
EVENTUALLY THERE WASN'T A PLACE ON THIS WORLD THAT I HADN'T VISITED. SLOWLY THE IMPOSSIBLE WALL THAT BLOCKED ANY FURTHER PROGRESS OF MY MARTIAL ARTS STARTED TO CRUMBLE AWAY.

BUT I WAS NOT HAPPY ABOUT IT. AFTER REACHING MULTIPLE LIMITS PASSING THROUGH WALL AFTER WALL.
I WAS ABLE TO TELL THAT AFTER THE FORMLESS SWORD, THERE WAS A NEW LIMIT CALLED THE NATURE'S BLADE. YET I WAS NEVER ABLE TO SAY FOR CERTAIN THAT I MANAGED TO TREAD THE ROAD TO THAT PATH.
BECAUSE I WAS VERY MUCH AWARE AT THE TIME THAT THIS WALL WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO JUMP OVER WITHOUT SEVERAL HUNDREDS OF YEARS OF TRAINING. AND THEN I FELL INTO DEPRESSION..


AFTER FALLING INTO DEPRESSION I REALIZED THAT MY AGE WAS NEARING AT 150 YEARS AND DEATH WAS CLOSE.

I DON'T KNOW HOW THEY KNEW WHERE I WAS AT THE TIME BUT THEY CAME TO ME ONCE MORE. THEY THEN ASKED "HAVE YOU COME TO UNDERSTAND THE MEANING?"
WHEN I TOLD THEM THAT I STILL DIDN'T HAVE A CLUE, ONE OF THEM SPOKE UP.

"AS I THOUGHT, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE IN A LIFETIME OF A MAN TO REACH THIS UNDERSTANDING? HOW LONG MUST WE WAIT FOR THE BIRTH OF A TRUE MORTAL GOD."

SO I ASKED THEM "JUST HOW OLD ARE YOU PEOPLE" AND THEN THEY...

YOU ASKED? W, WHAT DID THEY SAY?

"IT MUST BE IMPOSSIBLE TO EXPECT FOR THE MAJORITY TO ACHIEVE TRUE ENLIGHTENMENT."

THEY TOLD ME IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE THEY FOUGHT TO KEEP TRACK OF THEIR OWN AGE. SO I ASKED THEM HOW LONG DO YOU PEOPLE LIVE FOR?
AFTER THAT THEY TALKED FOR AWHILE BUT I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND A WORD OF WHAT THEY WERE SAYING.
AND THEN ONE OF THEM ANSWERED 'AROUND A FEW THOUSAND YEARS.' WHICH IS WHY THEY CAN'T BE HUMAN. HOW CAN A MORTAL BEING LIVE FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS.
BUT AMONGST THAT CHATTER I DID PICK UP ONE WORD THAT CAME TO MY HEAD...
THE ONE WHO PIERCED THE SKIES, A DEMON GOD... IS WHAT IT WAS.
AND THEN THEY DISAPPEARED FROM MY SIGHTS. THAT WAS IT.
JUST WHO WERE THOSE PEOPLE? TO THINK THAT PEOPLE LIKE THEM... REALLY EXIST IN THIS WORLD? I CAN'T BELIEVE IT.
OH RIGHT, CHINMA! WHAT WAS THAT SENTENCE THEY SHOWED YOU?

OH MAN! DUDE, DON'T YOU KNOW HOW SURPRISED I WAS? WHEN I WAS FIRST SUMMONED TO TAKE OVER YOUR BODY, I THOUGHT PERHAPS THIS WAS A CHANCE FOR ME TO STEP OVER THAT FINAL WALL.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, CHUNMA?
WHEN THOSE TWIN NOHS MENTION THOSE SAME LINES, YOU DON'T KNOW HOW I FELT... WHEN I THINK BACK TO IT, I STILL GET THE GOOSE BUMPS.
THAT BLOODY SENTENCE... HEY WHAT WAS IT, HAENGUN-I? THAT SHIT YOU T...LIGHT THEM TO SAY?
T/N: THE BIBLE GIVEN BY HEAVEN (GOOGLE IT YO)
WOULD YOU HAPPEN TO MEAN THE CHEON BU KYEONG

YEAH, THAT SHIT! TCH! TO THINK I'D HEAR IT AGAIN AFTER I'VE DIED.
T, THEN THAT'S...
...!!
THE PASSAGE THEY'VE TOLD YOU AT THE TIME?
YEAH!
WHO KNOWS? YOU SHOULD JUST LIVE YOUR LIFE FORGETTING ABOUT IT. WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT, IT JUST BOILS MY BLOOD FROM INSIDE AND I CAN'T DO ANYTHING RIGHT AFTER.
JUST WHO ARE THEY? WHY WOULD THEY GO ABOUND ASKING SUCH THINGS? I'M GETTING VERY CURIOUS NOW...?

CHUNMA. IF AND ONLY IF... I WERE TO UNIFY THE LANDS AND ALL OF THIS COULD BE DESTROYED WITH A FLICK OF A HAND BY SOMEONE LIKE THEM.
EVEN IF THEY DON'T SHOW UP NOW.
IT JUST PISSES ME OFF THAT SUCH PEOPLE EVEN EXISTS!
IF I WERE TO LIVE MY LIFE IN FEAR OF ENCOUNTERING THEM, I WOULD RATHER...
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I'LL WIPE THEM OUT!!
...YOU WOULD RATHER? WHAT YOU GONNA DO?

ARE YOU NUTS? CHOE, THOSE GUYS WE AREN'T HUMANS! IT'S NOT EVEN WORTH CONSIDERING. THEY HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH WHAT HAPPENS IN THE MORTAL REALMS.
IT'S BECAUSE YOU STILL HAVEN'T MET THEM. BUT THEN AGAIN, WHAT DO YOU KNOW. YOU JUST RECENTLY GOT THE HANG OF THE FIRST ENLIGHTENMENT..
EVEN THOUGH RIGHT AT THIS MOMENT I AM LIKE A CHILD COMPARED TO THEM, SHOULD THEY INTERFERE WITH MY PLANS I WILL DESTROY THEM ALL EVEN IF THEY ARE GODS
EVEN IF IT TAKES ME A LIFETIME... I WILL NO LONGER FALTER IN THE PATHS I'VE CHOSEN TO TREAD!
TO THINK ONE WHO RECENTLY REACHED THE FIRST ENLIGHTENMENT TO EMIT SUCH DANGEROUS DEMONIC KI... I CAN FEEL MYSELF TREMBLING
GWANG MA-JON, WAS THIS THE REASON WHY YOU SEALED YOURSELF IN HERE?

IT'S NOT REALLY JUST THAT, EVEN IF I WERE TO GO OUTSIDE IT WOULD HAVE BEEN INEVITABLE FOR WHAT AWAITED ME..
SO I HAD PLANNED ON DYING IN HERE EVENTUALLY.
IT FEELS LIKE YOU HAD OTHER REASONS. AM I WRONG?
PERHAPS IF IT'S HIM..!!
ACTUALLY... I NEEDED TIME TO THINK ABOUT MYSELF. THIS PLACE WAS ACTUALLY OFF LIMITS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE PREVIOUS LEADERS AND THEIR CHOSEN HEIRS.
AT ONE TIME I WAS DELUDED INTO THINKING THAT I WAS THE MOST POWERFUL ONE ALIVE. THAT FOOLISH PRIDE WAS SHATTERED THE MOMENT I SET FOOT IN THIS PLACE
COMPARED TO THE FOUNDER, I REALIZED THAT MY OWN PROGRESS WAS NEGLIGIBLE. PROGRESS. ONCE I REALIZED THAT, I SIMPLY GAVE UP ON MY AMBITIONS AND SET MY HEART TO REST IN HERE.

BY USING THE FOUNDER'S MARTIAL ARTS AS THE FOUNDATION I MASTERED THE SECRET ARTS LEFT BEHIND BY THE FORMER LEADERS OF THE HEAVENLY DEMON SECT AND WAS ABLE TO RAISE MY SKILLS PAST THE FIRST ENLIGHTENMENT. ONLY THEN I WAS ARROGANT ENOUGH TO THINK THAT I COULD BECOME THE NEXT LEADER OF THE HEAVENLY DEMON SECT
BUT IT WAS AT THAT TIME I CHANCED ACROSS THE TEXTS LEFT BEHIND BY THE FOUNDER HIMSELF AND IT MADE ME REALIZE JUST HOW PATHETIC I WAS FOR BEING PRIDEFUL OF MY OWN STRENGTH AND AMBITIONS.
AFTER THAT I THREW AWAY ALL AMBITIONS AND DEDICATED MYSELF IN MY TRAINING
I'VE SPENT SO YEARS IN HERE TRYING TO DEDICATE MYSELF INTO MASTERING THE FIRST STEPS
BUT FOR SOME REASON I WAS NEVER ABLE TO GO BEYOND THE FIRST ENLIGHTENMENT.

SO ARE YOU WILLING TO SPEND THE REST OF YOUR DAYS IN HERE?
...!
I DON'T KNOW. I'VE LOST ALL INTEREST IN AMBITIONS AND HAVE NO INTEREST IN ANYTHING ELSE. I'M AFRAID I LOST MOTIVATION FOR ALL ELSE...
CAN'T I BECOME THE SOURCE OF THAT MOTIVATION THEN?
HUH?
I HAVE A NEED OF YOU I REQUIRE YOUR STRENGTH SO LEND ME YOUR STRENGTH

I HAVE A DESIRE, TO UNIFY THE HEAVENLY DEMON SECT UNDER MY STRENGTH I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'LL BE CAPABLE OF LATER IN LIFE, BUT IF YOU WERE TO FOLLOW ME, I DARE SAY YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED HOW ABOUT IT, WILL YOU NOT FOLLOW MY LEAD?
I, I WILL FOLLOW!!

THEY MUST LOOK KIND OF LIKE THIS...?
GOD I'M CURIOUS... I'M SO CURIOUS...

TLER: TWIN BLADE OF AZZINOTH

TYPESETTER: KISTA

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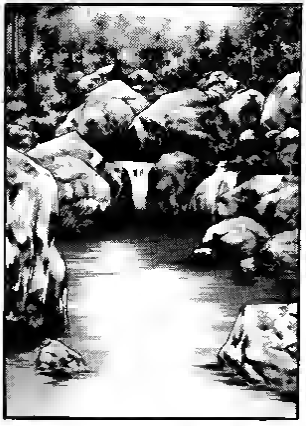

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HOW IS IT, GWANG MA-JON? I'M SURE THINGS FEEL DIFFERENT AFTER 50 YEARS OF ISOLATION...
YES, SUPREME COMMANDER! DESPITE THE YEARS, THESE PLACES HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL.
HOW DID YOU FEEL WHEN YOU SAW THE SURPRISED LOOK ON TAE-SANG AND RIGHT MINISTER'S FACE UPON YOUR RETURN?
DO YOU STILL FEEL HOSTILITY TOWARDS THEM?
NO. I'VE PUT IT BEHIND ME.
AFTER ALL, EVERYTHING WAS ALL MY FAULT TO BEGIN WITH.

SUPREME COMMANDER!
I DON'T FEEL ANYTHING DIFFERENT THOUGH? THEN AGAIN, I'VE YET TO TRY OUT IT'S POWERS YET—
HOW DOES IT FEEL NOW THAT YOU'RE WEARING THE SEAL OF CHUNMA?
WHEN YOU CHANNEL KI INTO THE RING, EVEN A SMALL ROCK YOU THROW CAN POSSESS ENORMOUS DESTRUCTIVE POWER...
IT HAS A MYSTERIOUS RESISTANCE EFFECT AGAINST WATER AND FIRE BASED ATTACKS...
AND SHOULD YOU FIND YOURSELF POISONED, YOU CAN CHEW ON THE RING WHILE CHANNELING KI AND YOU'LL BE DETOXIFIED IN A MATTER OF SECONDS
AND IT WILL ALLOW YOU TO RIP THROUGH MOST DEFENSES FORTIFIED BY KI

...!
SUPREME COMMANDER, WHERE ARE WE GOING NOW?
HUH?! WHAT DO YOU MEAN...?
YOU'LL SEE WHEN WE GET THERE!
WE'LL BE LOOKING FOR 12 STURDY HORSES THAT WILL SERVE AS OUR STEED TOWARDS OUR PATH!

AH, I SEE...
HEY BROS, LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE BUSY DRINKING, MIND IF WE JOIN YOU?

...!!
...!!
SIT THERE.
CHEERS BUT WE'RE LACKING A SEAT FOR MY FRIEND..?

AND WHAT DO YOU WANT US TO DO ABOUT IT?
HOW ABOUT IF ONE OF YOU LEND HIM YOUR SEAT?
ISN'T THAT A PROPER WAY TO SERVE GUESTS.
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU? I'M SURE YOU AREN'T SO STUPID AS TO NOT KNOW WHO WE ARE...
WHO ORDERED YOU TO BOTHER US?
I'VE NEVER SEEN YOUR UGLY FACES BEFORE, SO IF YOU WANNA START A FIGHT, THEN DO IT PROPERLY!

THAT GUY MUST BE OK GI-RIN.
PICK A FIGHT?
HEY BROS WHAT ARE YOU ON ABOUT.
I'M NOT HERE TO PICK A FIGHT WITH YOU KIDS.
WHAT THE FUCK?! YOU KIDS?
HOW DARE HE, WHEN HE'S CLEARLY MUCH YOUNGER THAN ALL OF US...!
THEN WHAT ARE YOU HERE FOR?

HOOH- CHECK IT OUT? I WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THEY WOULD HAVE ATTACKED ME BY NOW, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THEY HAVE SOME PATIENCE
I CAME HERE TO TAKE YOU ALL UNDER MY WING.
@WAHAHAHA, WHAT A FUNNY MAN!
HOHOHOHO, HEY KID, GO SUCK ON YOUR MOM'S TITS!
HAHAHAHAH!

KIDS SHOULD GO BACK TO PLAYING WITH KIDS, OK?
HAHAHAHA!
KUKUKU...
BWAHAHAHA!

LOOKING AT YOU ALL CLOSELY I CAN'T BELIEVE I HAD ANY EXPECTATIONS
SINCE YOU CAN'T SEE WITH YOUR EYES, YOU MIGHT AS WELL TAKE THEM OUT AND FEED IT TO THE DOGS
I CAN'T SEEM TO FIGURE OUT WHY THEY EVEN CALL YOU FOOLS THE 12 DEMONIC NOBLES

WHAT THE FUCK? I HAD ENOUGH OF YOUR SHIT...!

STOP RIGHT THERE IT'S EMBARRASSING TO MIX YOUR FISTS WITH IDIOTS LIKE HIM.
ALRIGHT, GIVE ME SOME BOOZE.
IT SEEMS LIKE THE SUPREME COMMANDER HAS DECIDED TO POKE AT THEIR PRIDE FUFU. YOU POOR SOU...
YOU CAN ATTACK HIM ALL AT ONCE. I'M SURE YOU WON'T EVEN HARM A SINGLE HAIR ON HIS BODY. HOW CAN THOSE FOOLS EVEN BEGIN TO THINK ABOUT... OH BUT THEN AGAIN. I WOULD'VE BEEN LIKE THEM AT THEIR AGE
...!!
TLN: HIS NAME IS BLACK POWER PHANTOM HAND BUT IT SOUNDS LAME
HEUK MYEON-SHINSU, WAIT JUST A MOMENT!

ALRIGHT, I'LL GIVE YOU SOME BOOZE
DRINK THIS AND GET LOST!
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HOOH- AMAZING? HE SHATTERED A STEEL CUP WITH HIS RAW KI.
AND WHILE HE DID THAT HIS CONTROL WAS PRECISE ENOUGH NOT TO HARM ANYTHING ELSE IN THE SURROUNDING...
HAHA, THANKS! SINCE YOU GAVE ME BOOZE I SHOULD DRINK IT.
BUT I CAN'T DRINK WITHOUT A CUP NOW CAN I.
...!!

WHO THE... HELL ARE YOU?
DIDN'T I TELL YOU. I CAME TO MAKE YOU KIDS MY UNDERLINGS!
I HOPE TO SEE ALL 12 DEMONIC NOBLES HERE BY THEN.
LISTEN WELL PUNKS. I'LL COME BACK AFTER AN HOUR.

PASS THE WORD TO EVERYONE.
LISTEN TO HIS WORDS CAREFULLY! DO NOT IGNORE THE SUPREME COMMANDER'S WORDS!
HE MAY HAVE TAKEN A LIKING TO YOU ALL FOR THE TIME BEING BUT THAT CAN CHANGE AT ANY TIME.
HE IS NOT SOMEONE YOU WOULD DARE DISOBEY, SO AS HE HAS COMMANDED AFTER ONE HOUR .
I HOPE TO SEE ALL 12 OF YOU HERE!

FAILURE TO DO SO...

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WH- WHITE DEMON KING AURA?!

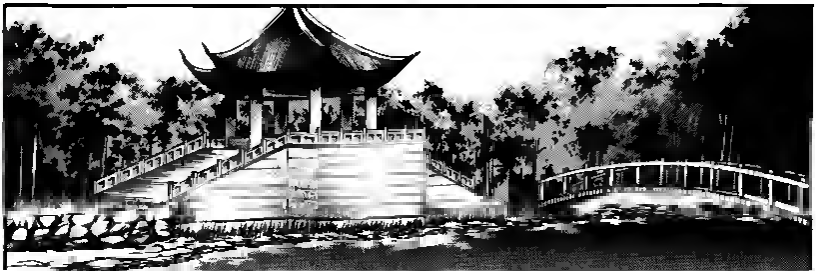
THAT WAS DEFINITELY THE WHITE DEMON KING AURA AND AT IT'S MAXIMUM CAPACITY

THAT GUY JUST NOW WAS MORE THAN LIKELY STRONGER THAN THE 4 DEMON KINGS. JUST WHO WERE THEY?
WERE THERE MASTER CLASSES THAT WE WEREN'T AWARE OF?

OLDER BROTHER GUI-RANG! WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO NOW?
LET US... FIRST TALK WITH OUR OLDEST BROTHER ABOUT THIS!
WHY BOTHER OUR BROTHERS OVER SOMETHING TRIVIAL LIKE THIS? LET'S JUST IGNORE THEM.
YOU CRAZY FUCK! DID YOU NOT SEE THE LOOK ON THAT MAN'S EYES?
EVEN HIS SIDEKICK WOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH TO KILL US ALL. AND YOU WANT TO IGNORE THIS?
THAT'S RIGHT, WE SHOULD NOTIFY OUR OLDEST BROTHER AND FIGURE SOMETHING OUT BETWEEN THE 12 OF US

I WILL GO AND SEE OUR OLDEST BROTHER SO EVERYONE ELSE GO CONTACT OUR OTHER BROTHERS.
LET US MEET BACK HERE BEFORE THE HOUR IS UP.

AGREED!



HAH!
GWANG MA-JON, DO YOU HAVE ANY FAMILY?
FAMILY... THAT IS SUCH A WHIMSICAL WORD.
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THERE IS NOBODY ON THIS WORLD WHO DOESN'T HAVE A FAMILY.
SUPREME COMMANDER YOU NEED TO FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THIS AS WELL
BUT IN THE HEAVENLY DEMON SECT THE CONCEPT OF A FAMILY IS NON-EXISTENT.

WITHIN THE SECT, THERE ARE 5 MAIN FAMILIES DANMOK CLAN IS ALMOST GONE, SO ONLY THE FOUR FAMILIES EXISTS
AS IT IS THE CASE IT'S NO LONGER SURPRISING TO SEE PEOPLE BETWEEN THE SAME CLAN OR EVEN AMONGST BLOOD RELATIVES SHARE PASSION THAT DOESN'T MEAN HOWEVER THAT THEY BECOME MARRIED OR SHARE THEIR WHOLE LIVES TOGETHER
WITHIN OUR SECT, YOU MIGHT HAVE A MOTHER, BUT YOU NEVER HAVE A FATHER WHICH IS WHY IF YOU KNOW WHO YOUR FATHER IS, YOU TEND TO FOLLOW YOUR FATHER'S FAMILY NAME BUT IF NOT , YOU ADOPT YOUR MOTHER'S NAME
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CHILDREN ARE TRAINED TOGETHER UNTIL THEY REACH THE AGE OF 15 THAT IS USUALLY A TASK LEFT TO THE ELDERS AND CLAN MINISTERS
WHEN THE BABY STOPS FEEDING ON THEIR MOTHER'S BREASTS THEY ARE TAKEN AWAY FROM THEN THEY GO THROUGH 15 YEARS OF HELLISH TRAININGS ONCE THEY REACH THE AGE OF 16 THEY GRADUATE FROM THEIR TRAINING AND FROM THERE THEY GAIN A NAME
THEY BECOME HUMAN, BUT BY THE TIME THEY GAIN THEIR NAMES, THEY HAVE MATURED INTO A DEMON AS THEY'VE BEEN BROUGHT UP WITH NOTHING BUT MARTIAL ARTS, THEY GROW UP WITH NOTHING ELSE ON THEIR MINDS BUT FURTHER DEVELOPING THEIR MARTIAL ARTS AS A PROUD MEMBER OF THE HEAVENLY DEMON SECT
ONCE THOSE CHILDREN GAIN THEIR NAMES, THEY COME TO REALIZE WHICH CLAN THEIR FATHER BELONGS TO BUT THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT. THEY HAVE NO WAY TO FIND OUT WHO THEIR MOTHER AND FATHER ARE. ALL RECORDS OF THEIR ORIGINS SHOULD HAVE BEEN BURNED TO A SHES SO THEY HAVE NO WAY TO FIND OUT

THAT IS WHY WITHIN THE HEAVENLY DEMON SECT, THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A FAMILY. BUT THERE ARE SOME EXCEPTIONS. THIS WOULD BE THE DANMOK CLAN. THEY NEVER MARRY ANYONE FROM THE OTHER CLANS AS SUCH THEY SHARE INCESTUOUS RELATIONS AND GIVE BIRTH AMONGST THEMSELVES.
DURING THE 7TH GREAT WAR THE RATIO OF DANMOK CLAN WAS ROUGHLY 1 OUT OF 10 IN ALL OF HEAVENLY DEMON SECT. BUT NOW AMONG THE 20,000 IN THE HEAVENLY DEMON SECT THERE ARE ONLY 3 DANMOK CLAN REMAINING.
IF THEY WERE TO ALLOW THEMSELVES TO MARRY INTO OTHER FAMILIES, THEY MOST LIKELY WOULD NOT HAVE PERISHED.
THEY POSSESSED TOO MUCH PRIDE IN THEMSELVES, AND TO THE ORDINARY HEAVENLY DEMON SECT MEMBERS THEY WERE SEEN AS NOTHING BUT A NUISANCE.

DAMDAE CHU-SWANG: LIGHT THAT PURSUES CLARITY AND HEIGHTS

MMM, I SEE SO WHAT IS YOUR NAME?
MY NAME IS DAMDAE CHU-SWANG. THIS NAME WAS GIVEN TO ME RANDOMLY UPON GRADUATING.
WHAT A CONVENIENT WAY TO GAIN A NAME.
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IT SEEMS AS THOUGH THE HEAVENLY DEMON SECT IGNORES INDIVIDUALS AND PUTS THE ORGANIZATION FIRST
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WHAT ABOUT THINGS LIKE MASTER AND DISCIPLES?
AS I HEARD ALL POSITIONS OF AUTHORITY IS DECIDED BY ONES LEVEL OF MARTIAL ARTS..
IN TRUTH WE DO NOT HAVE SUCH THINGS AS MASTERS AND DISCIPLES. AS YOU MIGHT EXPECT, MOST PEOPLE DON'T HAVE MASTERS OR DISCIPLES.
WHEN ONE HAS POLISHED THEIR MARTIAL ARTS UNTIL THEY REACH THE AGE OF 15 THEN THEY ARE EXPECTED TO POLISH THEIR MARTIAL ARTS AT THEIR OWN PACE.
IN ORDER TO GAIN BETTER AUTHORITY, YOU MUST BECOME STRONGER..
EVERYONE PUTS THEMSELVES THROUGH RIGOROUS TRAINING. OF COURSE THERE ARE SOME MINORITY WHO DECIDES TO TAKE IN DISCIPLES BUT THEY ARE A RARITY AMONG US.
THEN I GUESS THE CURRENT DEMON KINGS ARE LIKE YOUR NEPHEWS. HEAVENLY DEMON SECT IS AN AMAZING PLACE!
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BOUND BY BLOOD AND TO DECIDE EVERYTHING THROUGH ONES PROWESS IN THEIR MARTIAL ARTS.

AND THEY ARE NOT TIED DOWN BY HUMAN EMOTIONS SO WHO COULD DARE CHALLENGE THE HEAVENLY DEMON SECT.
ITS IMPOSSIBLE TO OVERLOOK THEIR POWER TO OVERTHROW THE ENTIRETY OF MURIM
THAT IS TRUE.
YET IT REMAINS TRUE THAT IN THE PAST 7 GREAT WARS WE WAGED, WE HAVE ALWAYS LOST TO THE MURIM...
THE POWER OF MURIM IS ALSO FORMIDABLE.

I THINK THAT'S NOT BECAUSE THE HEAVENLY DEMON SECT IS WEAK BUT RATHER OUT METHOD OF DOING THINGS HAD A FLAW
TAKE THEFT FOR INSTANCE IF THE OWNER IS WELL AWARE AND PREPARES HIMSELF TO BE ROBBED
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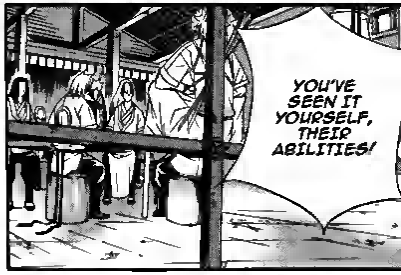
IT NO LONGER MATTERS HOW SKILLED YOU ARE, THE TASK IS SO MUCH MORE HARDER.
SIMILARLY WHEN THE SANGHO MURIM IS UNAWARE AND LEAVES THEMSELVES OPEN
WE SHOULD BE SECRETLY RULING OVER THEM IN DARKNESS
NOW THEN, LET'S GET GOING
I WANT TO SEE THESE GREAT STEEDS

AS I SAID WE DON'T NEED TO BOTHER WITH HIM!
HIS MARTIAL ARTS MAY BE GREATER THAN AVERAGE, BUT HE'S NOTHING BUT A STUPID BASTARD!
DON'T ACT ON IMPULSE I WOULD LIKE TO SEE HIM AT LEAST ONCE
AH SHIT, I'M TELLING YOU HE'S NOT WORTH OUR SALT! LET'S JUST IGNORE HIM ALREADY!

THE HELL IS WRONG WITH YOU?
YOU'RE STILL GOING ON ABOUT THIS EVEN AFTER SEEING HIS ABILITIES FIRST HAND?

HEUK MYEON-SHINSU, I ALSO WANT TO SEE THIS IN PERSON. LET'S DECIDE AFTER MEETING HIM.

WE DON'T NEED TO DECIDE ON NOTHING WHAT THE FUCK?


YOU'VE SEEN IT YOURSELF, THEIR ABILITIES!

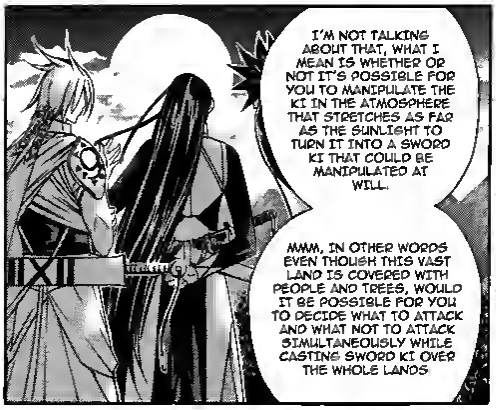
ANYWAYS, HE TOLD US THAT HE'S INTERESTED IN TAKING US INTO HIS SERVICE?

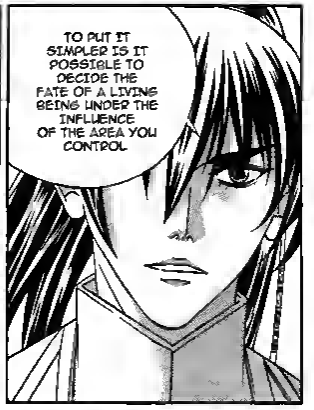
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS...
WE'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH, WHETHER HE'S CAPABLE ENOUGH TO HAVE US SERVE HIM...
I CAN'T TAKE THIS SHIT NO MORE!
I'M OUT OF HERE TO GO TRAIN!
IF YOU'RE ALL GONNA STAY, THEN LEAVE ME OUT OF IT!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? SIT DOWN?
FOR NOW LET'S WAIT. TRY NOT TO ACT INDEPENDENTLY FOR THE TIME BEING.
PHEW-

GWANG MA-JON, THIS IS A IF BUT DO YOU THINK THINK IT'S POSSIBLE TO REPLICATE THIS SCENERY WITH SWORDS-MANSHIP?
HUH?!
CHUNMA!
WHAT?

IF IT'S, THE OLD YOU DO YOU THINK YOU CAN OVERSHADOW THIS ENTIRE AREA COVERED BY SUNLIGHT WITH THE SWING OF YOUR SWORD?
OF COURSE. I GUESS IT MIGHT DIFFER FROM MASTER TO MASTER, BUT ONCE YOU REACHED THAT LIMIT ANYONE TRIES IT AT LEAST ONCE! SWORD KI, SWORD MANIPULATION, SWORD SOUL ALL OF THESE THINGS TIE IN TOGETHER


I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THAT, WHAT I MEAN IS WHETHER OR NOT IT'S POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO MANIPULATE THE KI IN THE ATMOSPHERE THAT STRETCHES AS FAR AS THE SUNLIGHT TO TURN IT INTO A SWORD KI THAT COULD BE MANIPULATED AT WILL.
MMM, IN OTHER WORDS EVEN THOUGH THIS VAST LAND IS COVERED WITH PEOPLE AND TREES, WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO DECIDE WHAT TO ATTACK AND WHAT NOT TO ATTACK SIMULTANEOUSLY WHILE CASTING SWORD KI OVER THE WHOLE LANDS


TO PUT IT SIMPLER IS IT POSSIBLE TO DECIDE THE FATE OF A LIVING BEING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE AREA YOU CONTROL

WELL, ACCORDING TO YOUR DESCRIPTION... THAT WOULD BE THE REACH OF THE NATURE'S SWORD.
THAT'S THE NATURE'S SWORD?

YEAH, WITHIN THE RONINSEN THERE IS A POWER WAITING TO BE TAKEN AND WITHIN NATURE THERE IS A SWORD KI KNOWN WITHIN BUDDHISM. IN ORDER TO PRACTICE IT, INVOLVED YOU TO TAME THAT VERY NATURE AND TWIST IT TO YOUR OWN WILL.
THAT WOULD BE THE STEP THAT SURPASSES THE FUMETSU NO KEN. TO BE BLUNT WITH YOU, EVEN I NEVER REACHED THAT LEVEL IN MY LIFETIME.
FOR EXAMPLE, LET'S SAY YOU TWIST THE VERY NATURE OF THIS ATMOSPHERE INTO FINE MIST LIKE SWORD KI. YOU CAN THEN FREELY CHOOSE WHO TO KILL AND WHO TO SPARE.
OH FOR REAL?
BUT WHY ARE YOU SUDDENLY GOING ABOUT THIS NONSENSE?

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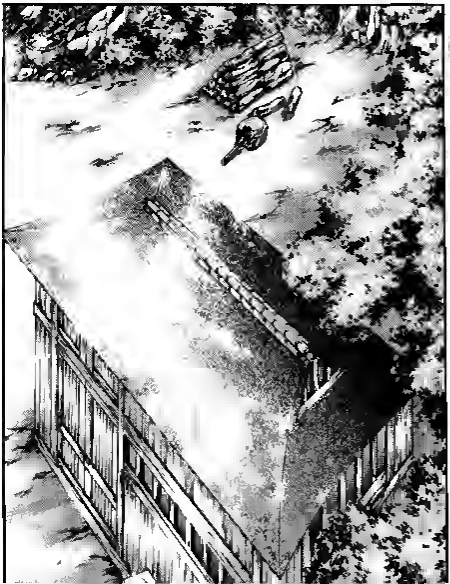
...?!
I JUST HAD A RANDOM THOUGHT THAT'S ALL...

ALRIGHT LET'S GO!
YES.,



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